In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1	1. [Original] A method for maintaining synchronization of
2	ledger accounts between a back-end procurement system and a
3	front-end requisition and catalog system, comprising the
4	steps of:
5	associating a plurality of companies within a company
6	group, the companies within said group using the same
7	chart of accounts;
8	maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement
9	system;
10	periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,
11	account identification indicia and descriptive
12	information for a given company;
13	communicating said indicia and information to said

requisition and catalog system;

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- at said requisition and catalog system, storing said indicia and information in a data store of valid general ledger accounts associated with said company group for said given company.
 - 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
 the steps of:
 - associating commodity codes with said account identification indicia; and
 - pushing commodity code/account identification

 associations to all other companies in the company

 group of said given company.
 - 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising
 the step of:
 - responsive to a user request for a requisition of a

 commodity, providing a selection list of valid account

 codes and descriptions authorized for purchase by users

 from companies within said company group.
 - 1 4. [Original] A procurement accounting system,

- 2 comprising:
- a back-end procurement system;
- a front-end requisition and catalog system;
- a first chart of accounts store maintained in said
- 6 procurement system;
- 7 a second chart of accounts maintained in said
- 8 requisition and catalog system;
- 9 an extract utility at said procurement system for
- 10 periodically extracting from said first chart of
- 11 accounts, account identification indicia and
- descriptive information for a given company;
- an update utility at said requisition and catalog
- 14 system for associating said account identification
- indicia with commodity codes and company group codes;
- 16 and
- a data store for storing said indicia and information.

- 1 5. [Original] The system of claim 4, further comprising:
- a company group table for storing company identifiers
- associated with each of a plurality of company group
- 4 codes.
- 1 6. [Original] The system of claim 5, said update utility
- 2 further for pushing to all companies within a company group
- 3 code the associations of commodity codes and account
- 4 identification indicia entered for a given company within
- 5 said company group codes.
- 1 7. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:
- an output device responsive to a user request for a
- purchase of a commodity for displaying a selection list
- of valid account codes and descriptive information for
- 5 said company group code.
- 1 8. [Original] A program storage device readable by a
- 2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
- 3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
- 4 maintaining synchronization of ledger accounts between a
- back-end procurement system and a front-end requisition and

- 6 catalog system, said method steps comprising:
- associating a plurality of companies within a company
- group, the companies within said group using the same
- 9 chart of accounts;
- maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement
- 11 system;
- periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,
- 13 account identification indicia and descriptive
- information for a given company;
- 15 communicating said indicia and information to said
- requisition and catalog system;
- at said requisition and catalog system, storing said
- indicia and information in a data store of valid
- 19 general ledger accounts associated with said company
- group code for said given company.
 - 1 9. [Original] A computer program product or computer
 - 2 program element for maintaining synchronization of ledger
 - accounts between a back-end procurement system and a front-

- 4 end requisition and catalog system according to method steps
- 5 comprising:
- 6 associating a plurality of companies within a company
- group, the companies within said group using the same
- 8 chart of accounts;
- 9 maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement
- 10 system;
- periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,
- 12 account identification indicia and descriptive
- information for a given company;
- 14 communicating said indicia and information to said
- requisition and catalog system;
- at said requisition and catalog system, storing said
- indicia and information in a data store of valid
- general ledger accounts associated with said company
- 19 group code for said given company.
 - 1 10. [New] The program storage device of claim 8, said
 - 2 method steps further comprising:

- 3 associating commodity codes with said account
- 4 identification indicia; and
- 5 pushing commodity code/account identification
- 6 associations to all other companies in the company
- 7 group of said given company.
- 1 11. [New] The program storage device of claim 10, said
- 2 method steps further comprising:
- responsive to a user request for a requisition of a
- 4 commodity, providing a selection list of valid account
- 5 codes and descriptions authorized for purchase by users
- from companies within said company group.